

GRAUSTARK

#104

1965F, 1965Q, 1966B

1 October 1966

GRAUSTARK UNDERTAKES SALVAGE OPERATION

Conrad von Metzke, loftiest Gamesmaster in captivity, has regretfully announced the termination of his Diplomacy bulletin Costaguana. This cessation of publication, which was brought about by the unavailability of printing facilities, leaves ten postal Diplomacy games up in the air. Von Metzke is undertaking to complete several of these by carbon copy. However, at my request he has turned over to my Gamesmastership the two most advanced of these ten games: 1965F and 1966B, games I and III by his notation.

Game 1965F is not strange to its new Gameemaster. Ever since it began, I have been submitting press releases to it, most of them datelined from the tiny neutral Grand Duchy of Beaucauillon. These press releases will be continued in GRAUSTARK. A free subscription to 20 issues of GRAUSTARK will be given to the first person who identifies the literary source of the persons and places mentioned in the "Beaucauillon" press releases.

The last issue of Costaguana to have been published was Vol. 2, #8, dated 9 July 1966. Since then, various withdrawals and resignations have left the posters of these games in the following states:

1965F

ENGLAND - Harold Peak, 5704-C Lauretta St., San Diego, Calif. 92110
FRANCE - Charlee Brannan, c/o General Delivery, Berkeley, Calif. 94701
GERMANY - Phil Castora (out F05)
ITALY - John Koning, 318 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown, Ohio 44509
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY - Roland Tzudikor (dro F02)

Monroe Joffroy (dro F07)

Conrad von Metzke, 5327 Hilltop Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92114
RUSSIA - Bill Schreffler (res S02)

Dennie Smith, 412½ Fourth Ave., Chula Vista, Calif. 92010
TURKEY - Charles Wolls, 3678 Linholm Rd., Cleveland, Ohio 44120

The "Fall 1907" builds and removals reported in the last issue of Costaguana for this game require a few corrections. Since an Austro-Hungarian army had been annihilated in the "1907" play, only one other unit had to be removed. And since Munich remained in Italian possession, Italy did not have a removal nor did France have a build. The "Winter 1907" retreat, builds, and removals in 1965F were therefore:

FRANCE: Builds A Bre, A Par.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Removes A Alb.

TURKEY: Retreat F Gro-Aeg.

At this point the forces of the High Combatant Powers are located as follows:

ENGLAND: A St.P, A Fin, A Livonia, F Den, F North Sea, F Wes, F North Africa.
FRANCE: A Spa, A Por, A Bel, A Ruh, A Mar, A Sil, A Tyr, A Bre, A Par.
ITALY: A Rom, A Apu, A Nap, A Vie, A Tri, F Tyr.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Gre, F Ion.
RUSSIA: A Gal, A Mos.
TURKEY: A Sov, A Ukr, A Rum, A Ser, A Bul, F Bla, F Adr, F Aeg.

In 1965F, the Powers control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Don, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, Swe, St.P. (7)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Gro, Tun. (2)
FRANCE: Bol, Ber, Bro, Hol, Kie, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (9)	RUSSIA: Mos, War. (2)
ITALY: Mun, Nap, Rom, Tri, Ven, Vic. (6)	TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Ser, Sov, Rum, Smy. (8)

The deadline for "Spring 1908" moves is NOON, 15 OCTOBER 1966. Players are warned that the new Gamesmaster keeps strictly to deadlines. The postal Diplomacy rules followed in GRAUSTARK games may be found, together with much other useful information, in GRAUSTARK #100, which is 25¢. Moves may be sent in by letter, telegraph, or telephone.

1966F

ENGLAND - Ken Davidson, 430 4th St. S. W., Medicine Hat, Alberta, CANADA
 FRANCE - Jack Chalker (dro S03)
 James Dygert, 2090 Blackwood Dr., Walnut Creek, Calif. 94596
 GERMANY - Anders Swenson, 145 Ponderosa Lane, Walnut Creek, Calif. 94598
 (while Swenson is temporarily under the thumb of the military, Germany is being played by Charles Turner, 24 Boyd Court, Pleasant Hill, Calif. 94523.)
 ITALY - Robert Ward, Box 19002, Camelia Station, Sacramento, Calif. 95819
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY - Dennis Frisch (dro S01)
 Jerald Jacks (dro F02)
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 RUSSIA - Thomas Gorman (dro F03)
 Conrad von Metzke, 5327 Hilltop Drive, San Diego, Calif. 92114
 TURKEY - Jerry Pournelle, 8396 Fox Hills Drive, Buena Park, Calif. 90620

The French moves, which were not printed in the last Costaguana, were for "Fall 1903":

A Ruh-Bel; A Bur & A Pic S A Ruh-Pol; A Mar-Gas; F Lyo-Spa.

These moves force the English retreat F Bel-Eng, and make possible a French build. Retreats, builds, and removals after the "Fall 1903" moves are:

ENGLAND: F Bel-Eng.	ITALY: A Vio-Tyr; removes F Tun.
FRANCE: Builds F Bro.	TURKEY: F Ion-Adr; builds F Smy.
GERMANY: Builds A Kie.	

At this point the armies and fleets of the combatants are located as follows:

ENGLAND: A St.P, F Mid, F North Atlantic, F North Sea, F Eng, F Swe.
FRANCE: A Bel, A Bur, A Pic, A Gas, F Spa (s. c.), F Bro.
GERMANY: A Mun, A Sil, A Hol, A War, F Den, A Kie.
ITALY: A Tri, A Tyr, A Ven, F Ion, F Nap.
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: A Vio, A Bud, A Ser, F Alb.
RUSSIA: F Bal.
TURKEY: A Rum, A Sov, A Ukr, F Aeg, F Adr, F Smy.

The High Combatant Powers control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, St.P, Swe. (6)	ITALY: Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, Ven. (5)
FRANCE: Bol, Bro, Mar, Par, Por, Spa. (6)	AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Gro, Ser, Vic. (4)
GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Don, Mun, War. (6)	RUSSIA: Mos. (1)
	TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Sov, Rum, Smy. (6)

The deadline for "Spring 1904" moves in 1966B is NOON, 15 OCTOBER 1966. The remarks about moves following the 1965F summary apply equally here.

Players presently in 1965F and 1966B will continue to receive GRAUSTARK as long as their game is in progress. No fee will be charged to those players, although contributions to meet postage and printing costs will not be turned down. Stand-by players are solicited for these games. Like the active players, they will receive GRAUSTARK by air mail. Stand-by entry fees are \$1.50 per game.

PRESS RELEASES - 1965F

GRANDE CASINO, BEAUCOUILLON (31 July 1907): Yet another change in the odds on the war was posted today in the Grand Ducal Bourse, as the fierce fighting in the Balkans continued. The rumors began yesterday, with reports that the last Austro-Hungarian army stationed on imperial soil had been ejected by a superior Italian force. Then came an analysis by the Bourse's oddsmakers, that the precarious military position of the Austro-Hungarians could be toppled by concerted Italian and Turkish attacks this fall. The new official odds reflected those facts. They are:

TURKEY: 3-2
ENGLAND: 5-3
FRANCE: 7-2

ITALY: 10-1
AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: 75-1
RUSSIA: 500-1

Many observers believe the Italian odds to be too low. The Italian victory in Dalmatia is certain to be balanced by the imminent fall of Marseilles to the French. The tiny Italian garrison left in Marseilles when most troops were sent eastward to fight Austria has almost entirely departed for the gaming tables of Beaucouillon. Most of them have since been cleaned out, and have been hired as janitors by the Bourse. However, one of them, an officer named D'Annunzio, has been taken into the personal service of the Grand Duke's sister, the Princess Sonia. The nature of the personal services has not been defined by Beaucouillon spokesmen.

GRANDE CASINO, BEAUCOUILLON (5 August 1907): The Hon. Jasper Pike, the American Ambassador, announced today that he had hired the Countess Rubilovsky to serve as Madame of the military brothel he is opening in Liechtenstein. Mr. Pike purchased that country after it was seized for non-payment of its government's gambling debts, and is now converting it into a luxury brothel for officers of the armies of Europe.

Some observers expressed surprise that Pike had chosen the elderly and ill-favored Countess over younger applicants. "I'm lookin' for a dame with a good head fer bizness," the Ambassador told curious reporters. "So Rubi-what's-her-name and me reached an agreement. Several agreements, in fact. Don't let anyone tell you guys that an old broad is necessarily all washed up, either."

In a related development, Count Avino denied that the Grand Duke Cosimo XIII was behind the hiring of Countess Rubilovsky. "Yes, it is true that the Countess is an - ah - legacy from the Grand Duke's late father. But the decision to leave the Grand Duchy and go to Liechtenstein is entirely between her and Mr. Pike," he told reporters.

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GRANDE CASINO, BEAUCOUILLON (6 August 1907): The odds on Italy and France were revised today in line with the excellent military position which France has achieved in the past year. The new odds are France 2-1, Italy 15-1. A "technical adjustment" related to the fall in French odds caused Turkey to rise to 5-3, and England to rise to 9-5. France fans were jubilant, and predicted that after the fall campaign France would stand better than England.

GRANDE CASINO, BEAUCOUILLON (26 November 1907): Today the Chief Crupier posted revised odds on the war. There is nothing noteworthy of itself in that act;

hundreds of times since the outbreak of hostilities in 1901 this important official of the tiny Grand Duchy has chalked new odds on the great board that overlooks this center of the country's financial life.

But today there was a difference. As soon as the new odds were posted, champagne corks struck the ceiling with a patter like reversed hailstones, men and women cheered, hats were hurled into the air, and huge piles of chips were flung recklessly upon the roulette and bassot tables.

The immediate cause of this rejoicing was the newly posted French odds - 9 to 5, the lowest of the war. And the audience which rejoiced at this development consisted in large part of the officers of the French Third Army, which has just marched into southern France and regained the Marseilles region from the Italians who have held it for several years.

The astounding revival of France's fortunes has caused a steady fall in the French odds, and has finally made France the favorite. The "smart money" continues to flow into the Grand Duchy for betting on France, which gratifies the country's many France fans but is causing long looks around the embassies of England and Turkey, the former favorites. Sir Oliver Mottke-Wrench, the English ambassador, has indignantly denied rumors that he has placed 50,000 ducats on France.

LEMBERG (13 December 1907): A blinding snowstorm and an air of gloom surround the Third Army of the Russian Technocratic Republic as it sits sullenly in its winter quarters on the soil of the now-vanished Austro-Hungarian Empire. The gloom was deepened last week with the death of the army's commander, General Ivan Munin. The general died of pneumonia brought on by a chase through the snow after three naked Polish girls.

But today a diversion enlivened the local despondency. As General Munin's body was being packaged by an American named Birdsoye for its journey back to Moscow, a huge robust man on a black stallion galloped into the camp.

"Ho! Who commands here?" he shouted at a startled sentry.

"General Munin is dead, sir," the man reported. "Colonel Katash is in command."

"Was in command, you mean!" the solitary rider roared. "I am General Count Oblowoff, escaped from Turkish captivity and come to give my services to the motherland once more!"

"Gospody paniliu!" Colonel Katash muttered when he heard the news. "We've got to give him command!"

Count Oblowoff's first order, as commander of the Third Army, was to order the three Polish girls and a case of vodka sent to his tent, which he commandeered from the late General Munin. He also graciously permitted Munin's young widow to remain there. Upon hearing that the vodka was gone, he stormed violently at the orderly, but at last agreed to settle for slivovitz.

1965Q

RESERVE ARMY FORMED IN BERLIN

"Winter 1908"

The following establishments and removal were made following the "Fall 1908" campaign:

ENGLAND: Builds A Edi.
GERMANY: Builds A Bor.

ITALY: Removes A Tyr.
TURKEY: Builds A Sny.

The deadline for "Spring 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 1966.

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THE ADVENTURES OF SECRET AGENT O-O-HATE

Chapter XI

As Clark Gansel, in his role as Secret Agent O-O-Hate, entered the office of his superior Mac, he realized that Mac was in a bad mood. There were little indications of this scattered around the office, where the sharp eyes of O-O-Hate picked up their subtle meanings - the book ripped into shreds and crammed into the wastebasket, the telephone ripped from its moorings, the heap of pink slips in the "OUT" basket.

"O-O-Hate! Holy War, but it's good to see you!" Mac cried. "I think you're the only agent in this outfit that I can count on!"

"You're too kind, Mac," O-O-Hate replied. "There are several other good men in this agency, equally dedicated to the American Way of War. There's Fred Flunkor, Eric Bloech, Duns Scotus -"

"They've all been fired!" Mac snapped back.

"Fired? What happened?"

"Do you remember that pacifist who set fire to himself in front of the Pentagon a few days ago?"

"Yes. As I recall, he was holding a baby. Just as he set himself on fire, someone ran up and snatched the baby out of his arms."

"That was Flunkor!" Mac snapped. "Every time Our Boys in Vietnam bomb a village, half a dozen kids get killed. What kind of support would we be giving them at home, if we got so squeamish about one more burned-up kid here! No one who goes as soft as that is fit to call himself an American."

"And Bloech and Scotus?"

"They're Catholics. So, the last time this peacenik Pope came out in favor of ending war, I gave them their choice - him or us. Then there's this book -" Mac gestured toward the wastebasket. "The title is Perpetual War for Perpetual Peace. When I saw it in the bookstore, I thought it would make a good training manual for our agency, since the title sums up our own aims so well. But when I read it, I found that the author is actually against perpetual war for perpetual peace! Another damned fanatic who thinks peace is better than war!"

"Well, let's get started on the next problem," O-O-Hate said.

"Good man, O-O-Hate!" Mac replied. "Maybe a successful mission will get this bad taste out of the - or - collective mouth of the agency. You'll be working with Sir Harley Davidson of Canadian Intelligence. Your assignment will be -"

A thundering roar came from the corridor just outside Mac's office. With a splintering crash the door broke down, and a motorcycle careened through the wreckage. On the motorcycle was a man in chinos, black leather jacket, and Wehrmacht helmet.

"Look out, Mac!" O-O-Hate yelled, drawing a gun. "It's one of those motorcycle hoodlums!"

"Put your gun away!" Mac shouted. "That's Sir Harley Davidson!"

(What new adventure is O-O-Hate entering? Who is the mysterious Sir Harley Davidson? Will O-O-Hate stop the latest anti-war plot? See the next GRAUSTARK!)

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

JOHN REINER, Apt. #4, 361 S. Elm Dr., Beverly Hills, Calif.: Concerning the IDF: I must confess to a great weakness. I made my statement with a minimum of facts to back it up. I shall now concern myself with studying the IDF constitution as best as possible, and then return with my comment on a valid background. I apologize to Mr. Walker, or whoever else there who was agreed with him, if I have made myself a fool...However, it would appear to me that at least some of the conclusions are valid.

About Mr. Duncan, I feel that his statement referring to me as immature was

slightly contradictory of his own character. He calls my statement over President Johnson immature, then calls me a peacenik, another labeling, and feels that he is quite mature. I personally, although I'm not much personally, feel that my statement was appropriate. Johnson is an excellent keeper of the status quo, and seeing that this is a nation of status-quo seekers, who are eternally wishing to have it proved to them that everything is, and/or will be alright in this nation, Johnson fits, so well, and so much do the people want to believe in what he says, that they dogmatically follow him to the extent of an almost religious character. ((Whow! John, are you by any chance a pen name of Stephen Pickering?)). Does it not seem odd to you that so many people criticize the Communist Manifesto and other such works, yet so few who criticize it have ever read it? Yet the people will do so little about this sorry state of affairs. The schools do not teach it. A person who does read it is criticized, all for the sake of an ignorant status quo. I pity the man who denounces a Communist, Socialist, Marx, Engels, etc., without knowing even the fundamentals of what they preach. To reach this situation would take a fanatic group of dogs whose allegiance is towards none but their master. Therefore, this almost religious quality of the situation causes me to ponder "Do the people think of him as a god?" J. Edgar Hoover once said that all subversives have warped minds, just to insure the American Capitalists that they were the only sane people around. Bloogh!! Johnson states that things are being done in this nation to combat racial segregation; yet look at places whose names are Watts, Harlem, Dayton, Cleveland, Chicago, Cicero, and you tell me how this grand plan is working out. Yet the people still believe Johnson, contrary to existing facts. I just don't understand open lies!

Q. I would like for someone to explain why neither South Vietnam nor the United States has ever declared war on North Vietnam? - Marshall Eggers, Philadelphia, Penn.

A. Formal declarations of war involve complications, duties and obligations which none of the combatants are willing to risk. If President Johnson, for example, asked the present Congress for a declaration of war on North Vietnam, a lengthy and bitter debate would ensue. If Congress eventually declared war, we would have to honor our Geneva agreement on the treatment of prisoners of war. Now, whatever prisoners we take in Vietnam are turned over to the South Vietnamese. There would be many other complications.

- Parado, 17-July 1966

SCOTT DUNCAN, 2508 Highland Ave., Broomall, Penn. 19008; Everybody likes to see their words in print and nobody likes to see them corrupted. You have successfully eliminated much of my critical remarks about our policy. I wrote to Reinsel the day after I wrote that letter ((published in GRAUSTARK #101)) to you and went over my philosophy with regard to Vietnam and 'zines.

To begin with, no demagogue "roused" me! While not comprehensive nor in the original, I have read most socialist and communist documents and papers. For a while, I was convinced of the perfection of such a system; however, I also stuck my neck out and read things like Beard (and caught hell from capitalists and communist/socialists alike - at least these were the positions which they supposedly represented). My own reading and comparison has led me to choose an American democracy to a Russian dictatorship (OR A GENERAL KY OR GENERAL CHIANG KAI-CHEK ONE, for that matter.) ((Congratulations. And have you been able to find an American democracy yet?)) I haven't merely "transferred" my objections, and you ought to know better than that from reading my letters. Therefore, the only reason I can see for attacking MY letter was because you could use it to attack all anti-corru-

nist positions as ridiculous prejudice and nothing more.

As I've said, Ky or Chiang Kai-Shek are both dangerous if left on their own because they are militarists. I should not like to see those two or opposing communist men running what is called a government.

So far, my success in forming opinions leads me to doubt just about EVERYTHING until I prove it to myself. Therefore, if some one complains that the Chinese in Vietnam are trying to takeover the whole country and if you reply with there are no Chinese in Vietnam (or S. Vietnam), my decision is that you're both in error. ((This is good arithmetic but bad logic.)) True, there probably aren't any active fighting Chinese in the country; but I'm just as certain that they aren't clean when it comes to being involved in the political and economic support of N. Vietnam. So don't make it look like the US is the only one "meddling" in SE Asia. As Dean Rusk has said recently: the Chinese revolutionaries are able to hide things better than the Americans are when problems arise. You don't get the free interchange of ideas in a Communist nation for long; Reinols's or Reinor's or Your opinions are proof that the US is a better and freer society than any communist one (you wouldn't be allowed to publish a 'zine actively criticizing government policy and using anti-US stamps on the outside.)

((So now an anti-war sticker becomes "anti-US". This implies you believe the principal purpose of the US to be war.))

The reason I criticize BOTH sides of issues is because the most vocal representatives are the least reliable; for example, the senators screaming for communists and the free-speechers screaming capitalist-lackeys. NOISE NOISE NOISE ((And now you equate free-speechers with communists. Ye-ry interesting.)) The same goes for the civilrights ((sic)) situation (not just Negro rights because history has shown that the Civil War started over the rights of INDIVIDUAL states over the WHOLE country - not just over freedom for Negro slaves.) The most active ((sic)) people in "movements" are often the least responsible when it comes to useful comment and action; unfortunately, they get all the attention.

((The misconceptions are coming thick and fast here, so numerous editorial corrections become necessary. Duncan blandly states that "history has shown" the Civil War to be over states' rights. I wonder what history books he's been reading. "States' rights" was invoked by southern racists of 1861, as by those of the present day, to justify their continued oppression of their states' Negro populations. The whole intended purpose of "secession" was to preserve slavery.))

To change the subject: the RULES I refer to when I say that IDF could help with standardization are more interpretations than pure rules. Sure, most 'zines print postal rules, but no one sits down and says that under such-and-such a move such-and-such a ruling, NOT IN THE ORIGINAL RULE-BOOK, will prevail. I'M just lucky to have heard of Koning's Rule or to have read John McCallum's article on the "Coastal Creep". Otherwise, I'd never have known about these situations until it was too late (e. g., until I encountered them in a game). Someone has to get all the "uncovered" situations standardized so that everyone knows where to look for interpretations. As what you printed said: you'd have to get THE back issues are growing in number each day! Neither you nor anyone else prints rule-interpretations ((sic)) (which are, actually rules in themselves then): you just print postal details and minor revisions to Calhamer's rules.

As I've said before, when you print anything I write, print it all or nothing because my letters are written to be read in totum. ((Sic; correct is in toto)) The use of ellipses always makes no suspect of just what has been left out (as I said, I doubt EVERYTHING until I see it or hear it myself).

((Mr. Duncan's conditions have been met in the publication of the above letter; as always, the editor's comments are marked off by double parentheses.))

"Never dignify a 'Contol' (Communist tolerator) by debating philosophies. Instead appeal to the media which profits pitifully by affording the Contol a sounding board.

"Ask the media to weigh carefully the consequences of it participating with an enemy of freedom. Write the responsible media a personal letter reciting the facts of life (nationally) and get a few friends to co-sign the message with you, each supplying their address and business or professional connections.

"The Cintel, however brazen, when robbed of publicity may soon fold and you will enjoy the clear atmosphere you have helped purify."

- H. L. Hunt

 JAMES WRIGHT, 1605 Thayer St., Richland, Wash. 99352: I'm glad to see you have taken a stand against the IDF. It seems very unreasonable to me (the IDF proposal, that is). If those characters would cite an honest to god reason for the IDF instead of all this "we need it, gang, because - well, we need it" then perhaps they would get my support. But I am still at a loss to see any real necessity for such an organization. I will comment further on this in Bulverk #12.

Your article on "The Pleasures of Gamesmanship" ((in GRAUSTARK #100)) was appreciated. As you may well know from the game (1966W) in Bulverk I am anything but an impartial gamesmaster. I make no bones about it if I'd rather see one country win than another. And, of course, I had a lot of fun with the press releases. I wrote one or two from the typical Switzerland dateline, but then switched to Iceland and started inflicting Norse myth on the players. I got a kick out of it if no one else did. ((This sounds something like my press releases in 1965W.)) We also had non-player press releases. The game was followed earnestly by many students who knew little of the game itself, and Bulverk's distribution list must have included at least half non-Diplomacy players. Several of those people wrote press releases. One of those releases, from Mike Lonergan in #6, was in my opinion the best release of the game.

Calhoun's article was muchly liked here. His thoughts of the invention of the game brought to mind the game of Empire. I wonder if any Diplomacy fans are familiar with it? It's an extremely complicated game; a sort of expanded version of Diplomacy, and it's for 24 players I think. Those players try to build an Empire. The board for this game is so monstrous and complex that there are supposed to be only 8 or 9 full-sized sets in the world. One of those sets is at Reed College in Portland, where it is an extremely popular game as I understand. A student here was going to procure the rules and build a set, and I was going to publish an Empire bulletin, but the project sort of fell flat and nothing has been heard or done since. I know the game is real because I saw it advertised in a Reed College pamphlet.

Von Motzko: I did not answer your request for "corrections" to the constitution when it was first sent out because I was against the whole goddamn idea, not just the draft constitution itself. Since it seemed unlikely that a letter to you would change your minds, I didn't write one. I published Bulverk #10 and that contained my first printed comments on the matter; unfortunately I did not print up nearly enough copies and Boardman didn't have enough to go around. I repeated my sentiments in #11 and presumably you have read my letters in GRAUSTARK since you quote me. Boardman has made it known that I oppose the idea; if you were interested in finding out more you could have written me. I imagine I shall have to reprint my comments from Bulverk #10, and I may very well do so in the near future. In the meantime I was hoping Boardman would do so instead.

You don't want my criticism anyway: I have plenty of things to say about the idiot constitution itself, but I refuse to say them because I think the IDF should be challenged at its basis, where the matter is important, not off piddling around with the constitution.

And you are right: I will not join the IDF and will not support it. You are

POSTAL DIPLOMACY ROSTERS: ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS

The listings below update the rosters which appear in GRAUSTARK #100.

- 1965D: E - B. I. Banks (out S08)
- 1965F: Conrad von Metzko, Costaguana
(res F09); John Boardman, GRAUSTARK
A - Monroe Joffrey (dro F09)
Conrad von Metzko
- 1965G: I - Conrad von Metzko (out F06)
T - Barry Gold (out F06)
- 1965T: E - Alexis Gilliland (res F08)
Mark Owings
F - Mark Owings (res F08)
- 1965U: G - Frank Clark (out F06)
A - Derek Nelson (out F06)
- 1966B: Conrad von Metzko, Costaguana
(res F03); John Boardman, GRAUSTARK
I - Thomas Gorman (dro F03)
Conrad von Metzko
- 1966D: R - James Dygert (out F06)
- 1966E: T - Sidney Got (dro S04)
Wayne Hohelsel
- 1966F: I - Sidney Got (dro F03)
Wayne Hohelsel
- 1966K: E - Sidney Got (dro S02)
Wayne Hohelsel
- 1966Q: G - Donald Miller (out F09)
- 1966T: G - Sidney Got (dro S01)
George Parks
- 1966ADt: no gamesmaster to F05, then
John Koning, STab
E - John Smytho (res F05)
James Latimer (won F08)
A - Derek Nelson (res F05)
James Latimer (won F08)
R - John Koning (res F05)
James Latimer (won F08)
- F - Robert Lake (res F05)
John Koning
G - Kim Pattee (out F04)
I - Ovilla Pattee (res F05)
John Koning
- 1966AK: A - Rod Walker (res S01)
Monte Zelazny
- 1966AR: Anders Swenson, Miskatonic Univ.
E - Red Vance
F - Steve Hondersen
A - Brian Bailey
R - Ernst Carrillo
T - Paul Moslander
- 1966AS: Donald Miller, Diplophobia (PHG)
E - Wayne Hohelsel
F - Joe Haldeman
G - James Sanders
I - David Lobling
A - Fritz Mulhauser
R - Jay Haldeman
T - Jack Greeno
- 1966AT: Donald Miller, Diplophobia (PIG)
E - Alan Huff
F - Wayne Hohelsel
G - Fritz Mulhauser
I - Chuck Carey
A - Miko Hakulin
R - Mike McIntyre
T - Richard Shagrin
- 1966AU: Harold Naus, A Droite a Gauche
(ADAG-)
E - Harold Peek
F - Leonard Garland
G - Bud Prongergrass
I - Conrad von Metzko
A - Bill Stewart
R - Brian Bailey
T - Gail Schow
- 1966AV: John McCallum, Brodingnag
E - Charles Wells
F - Edi Birsen
G - Richard Shagrin
I - Dave Francis
A - James Munroe
R - Monte Zelazny
T - Dave Lobling
- 1966AW: James Wright (res S01)
Robert Speed
E - Miko Jasko
F - Alan Kissinger
G - Alan Harvey
I - Tim McDermott
A - Robert Speed (res S01)
James Wright
R - Paul Dunigan
T - Miko Lonergan

THE DIPLOMACY POUCH (continued from p. 8)

welcome to accomplish what you wish, but I haven't got the slightest idea what you think you're going to accomplish that is going to benefit the Diplomacy world so much.

James Latimer brings up an excellent point on rating systems & Diplomacy in general. Tim McDermott is our best Diplomacy player, and he was wiped out in 1966W in 2 or 3 years as a result of a gang-up. He has faced this time and again, and has finally decided to pretty much retire from the scene. (He did until he got some theories on play and wanted to get into our new postal game to prove them.) He has won something like 6 or more Diplomacy games here. I don't know exactly. He gets gang-ups on his back quite frequently. In fact, I am the only player who will deal with him. It looks as though Smythe is in the same predicament. I can't give any advice at the moment, perhaps I can get Tim to make a few comments on the subject, speaking from experience and all.

Walker's letter is typical of what I am against in this IDF mess. He says that a Diplomacy organization isn't really needed, but says it can do a lot of good. How? How can an unnecessary and unneeded organization do any good? It's nothing but excess baggage.

This must be one of the longest letters of comment I've written to GRAUSTARK. #100 provided a lot to discuss, though, and 'twas verily good.

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In 1966AA, as of "Fall 1903", the French units are A Gas & A Par. (The latter unit appeared as "A Par" in GRAUSTARK #103.)

There is no change in the deadline date for the next move in this game.

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"That a man can take pleasure in marching in fours to the strains of a band is enough to make me despise him. He has only been given his big brain by mistake; unprotected spinal marrow was all he needed. This plague-spot of civilization ought to be abolished with all possible speed." - Einstein